

Preliminary Assessment Report

Project 3025959, 13537 AURORA AVE N

Assessment Completed: 10/21/2016

Project Description: Land use application to allow a change of use of 27,064 square feet from retail to warehouse in an existing building and associated interior tenant improvements.

Primary Applicant: [Jennifer Grant](#)

This report lists the results of a preliminary assessment of your project requirements by various city departments. It's based on the project characteristics described on your site plan and preliminary application form. If your project required a pre-application site visit (PASV), the results of that site visit are also included. The goal of this report is to help you create a complete submittal package and reduce the need for corrections once your application has been submitted.

Next Steps

1. Review the requirements in this report and contact the staff members listed below with questions.
2. If a street improvement plan is required, develop and submit it to the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT). **The Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections (SDCI) will not accept your permit application until your street improvement plan is approved as 60% complete by SDOT. See [SDOT Client Assistance Memo 2213](#) for guidance about the 60% complete approval process.**
3. Schedule an appointment for permit application intake with SDCI. **Please bring a copy of this report to your intake appointment.**

Questions About This Report

If you have questions about the information in this report, contact the appropriate city staff member for each section.

SDCI Drainage Requirements

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SDCI Land Use Requirements

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Seattle Public Utilities Requirements

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Other Resources

- General questions about the permit process: Contact the SDCI Applicant Services Center (ASC) at 206-684-8850.
- User-friendly guides to city permitting processes: [SDCI](#) and [SDOT](#).
- [Detailed zoning information](#).
- Visit our [permit type pages](#) for step-by-step instructions and forms for preparing your application and plans for review.

Requirements

SDCI Drainage Requirements

The following requirements are based on the current stormwater and side sewer codes.

****The new 2016 Stormwater Code becomes effective on January 1, 2016. Projects with an accepted application (successful SDCI permit intake) date after December 31, 2015 will be reviewed under the new code. The drainage requirements indicated below are based on the 2016 Stormwater Code. If your project will be submitted prior to January 1, 2016, please contact the SDCI Drainage Reviewer to determine drainage requirements.****

Existing Public Drainage Infrastructure

Sanitary sewer main location: **Aurora Ave N**

Sanitary sewer main size: **15-inch**

Other location: **Aurora Ave N (Culvert)**

Other size: **12-inch**

Drainage

The storm drainage point of discharge (SMC 22.805.020) is located at: **Ditch or culvert**

Wastewater

The wastewater point of discharge (SMC 21.16.070.B) is located at **Public Sanitary Main**.

Permanent and Temporary Dewatering

The footing drain (if part of building plan) point of discharge ([DPD DR 4-2011](#)) is located at the following: **Ditch or culvert**.

Side Sewer

The existing side sewer for a new or converted building or dwelling unit may be reused pursuant to SMC 21.16.240. If there is an increase of dwelling units or buildings the [Side Sewer Evaluation and Certification Form](#) must be completed by a licensed engineer.

SDCI Land Use Code Requirements

Street Requirements

Based on the scope of the proposed project, the following street improvements are required per Chapter 23.53 of the Seattle Municipal Code. Please review Right-of-Way Improvements Manual for design criteria (<http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/rowmanual/manual/>). Show required street improvements on your "enhanced site plan" at SDCI permit application intake. If an SDOT Street Improvement Plan (SIP) is required, please list SDOT project number and SDOT contact name on the enhanced site plan. Street Improvement Plans must be accepted by SDOT prior to SDCI permit application intake.

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Based on the documents provided, no street improvements are required per SMC 23.53.015 and SMC 23.53.006

Land Use

Based on the project scope. SEPA may be required. See DPD Director's Rule 29-2015 for more details (<http://web1.seattle.gov/dpd/dirrrulesviewer/>).

Notes to Applicant

FYI - Per Table A for 23.47A.004(K.3), up to 25,000 square feet of warehouse is permitted in Commercial 1 zone.

Other Requirements

A presubmittal conference is required before submitting an application. Details for preparing and submitting a presubmittal request form can be found at our Web site ([http://www.seattle.gov/dpd/Publications/Forms/Building Permits/default.asp](http://www.seattle.gov/dpd/Publications/Forms/Building_Permits/default.asp)).

Pre-Application Site Visit (PASV) Requirements

PASV report requirements may be subject to additions, changes, or modifications by the department. The purpose of the report is to alert the applicant that there may be unusual or complex site conditions that trigger requirements from the department regarding this project. **The applicant is responsible for providing all required documents at the intake appointment.** If you have questions about this report or the PASV process, please contact the SDCI Site Development Team at (206) 684-8860.

Note: Any project application associated with the development site can utilize the results from this PASV if the application is accepted by SDCI within 24 months of the above inspection date. After 24 months, the applicant must apply for another PASV. No extensions will be granted.

ECA Mapping Unit and Type

Non-ECA

Earth Disturbance

Please show all existing and proposed retaining walls/rockeries and the exposed height.

Existing ROW Conditions

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Street conditions:

Asphalt paving

Curb conditions:

Curb adjacent to site

Concrete

A storm inlet is located <350 ft from the site and prior to crossing a public right of way.

It appears that drainage from that discharge point will remain in the gutter line all the way to the nearest inlet structure, but this assessment is preliminary and it is the responsibility of the applicant to meet all relevant SW code requirements.

Potential Impacts to Seattle Parks Property

No parks property in vicinity

Inspectors Notes

This report does not address any construction activities. No unusual site conditions, plot plan appears to be accurate.

Seattle City Light Requirements

Street/Alley Requirements

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Working Clearance: State law requires construction workers, their tools, machinery, equipment, and materials to maintain a 10-foot clearance from power lines. Review WAC 296-24-960 and OSHA 1910.333(c)(3)(i).

Transmission lines require greater clearance. To work near power lines, notify SCL well in advance to de-energize and ground the lines, or relocate the lines temporarily. This City Light work is done at the project's expense. City Light may not be able to grant customer requests to temporarily relocate or de-energize the distribution system. There are overhead high voltage lines along Aurora Ave N and along the south property line.

Underground electrical facilities/conductors require separation from other utilities. Review City Light Construction Standard 0214.00, Clearances Between SCL Underground Structures and Other Utility Structures in the Public Right-of-Way (<http://www.seattle.gov/Light/engstd/>). Before digging, contact the Utilities Underground Location Center ("one-call") at (800) 424-5555 two business days in advance to locate and mark underground utilities, per state law (RCW 19.122).

Other requirements: Electrical service facilities for the site are underground from the pole along the south property line. Before digging contact the Utilities Underground Location Center ("One-Call") at 1-800-424-5555 two business days in advance to locate and mark underground utilities, per State law (RCW

19.122). Underground electrical facilities/conductors require separation from other utilities. Review City Light Construction Standard 0214.00.

Notes to Applicant

The description of work is for change of use and improvements to the existing building. To ensure that the existing service at the site can provide for the improvements and change of use, please provide new electrical load information to City Light. If a new or revised electrical service is needed, the Electrical Service Representative for your area must be contacted several months before new service is required to determine your electric service design, service location and what kind of service is available at the building site. Your Electrical Service Representative is: Patty Breidenbach, 206-684-4795, patty.breidenbach@seattle.gov. Be advised that it is the applicant's responsibility to seek guidance from SCL. Failure to contact SCL early in the permit process could severely impact your project's scope, schedule and budget. This responsibility rests solely with the applicant.

SDOT Requirements

The City of Seattle's Right-of-Way Improvements Manual (ROWIM) and SDOT's Street & Sidewalk Pavement Opening and Restoration (PORR) Director's Rule 2004-02 may be accessed from SDOT's Street Use website at: http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/stuse_docs.htm. Whenever possible, specific reference notation for these two design documents is noted next to the design characteristics below. Be advised that these specific section and chapter references are provided as preliminary guidance only and are not comprehensive in scope.

SDOT Permitting Information

Initial Review Deposit: To be determined

SDOT Plan Requirements: Plan

SDOT Permit Requirements: Group 1:Over-the-Counter. Obtain from SDOT anytime prior to construction in the right of way.

Based on the scope of your project and the proximity to the lot line a SIP may be triggered by the extent of construction impacts to existing street, sidewalk or alley improvements. If more than 2,000 sf of impervious surface in the right of way will be replaced a SIP will be required.

Street Improvement Requirements AURORA AVE N

SDOT Urban Forestry requires protection and retention of existing trees in the right-of-way unless specifically exempted. Refer to the Right-of-Way Improvements Manual (ROWIM) 4.14.

SPU Requirements

Based on the information provided at this time, it appears that no street improvements are required. Be advised that it is the applicant's responsibility to seek guidance from SPU should the scope of the project change, or should the applicant become aware of proposed construction in the ROW. Failure to contact SPU at your earliest convenience could severely impact your project's scope, schedule and budget. This responsibility rests solely with the applicant.

For all multifamily, commercial, and industrial properties, the requirements for solid waste storage and pickup are outlined in SPU CAM 1301, available on the web at:

http://www.seattle.gov/util/stellent/groups/public/@spu/@csb/documents/webcontent/cos_004542.pdf. For questions about solid waste requirements, contact Liz Kain, (206) 684-4166, Liz.Kain@seattle.gov.

Other Requirements

Owners of residential property occupied by a tenant who will be displaced by housing demolition, substantial rehabilitation, change of use, or removal of use restrictions may need to obtain a Tenant Relocation License. Refer to SDCI Tip 123, Seattle's Tenant Relocation Assistance Ordinance, for further information and instructions or call (206) 684-7979.

If your project involves additions or modification to or demolition of an existing building that contains four or more dwelling units or 4,000 square feet or more of non-residential area, and the building is a designated historic landmark or is 50 years old and meets the criteria set forth in SMC 25.12 for landmark designation, SEPA is required. Please contact the Department of Neighborhoods at (206) 684-0228 or www.seattle.gov/neighborhoods/preservation to determine if your building is a designated landmark or if a referral is necessary to determine if the building meets the criteria in SMC 25.12. Refer to Tip 208 for information regarding the application requirements for a SEPA review and Tip 3000 for information regarding landmarks and historic preservation.

If the scope of your proposed project changes before your SDCI intake appointment or SDOT street improvement plan application, the requirements in this report may change. If there are municipal code and ordinance changes before our SDCI intake appointment, the project must meet the new code requirements. Additional street improvement requirements may be triggered if a permit application for a development project on adjacent property is also undergoing review.

Please be aware that all persons or companies working within the City limits, including all contractors, subcontractors, permit expeditors and other service providers are required to possess a valid City of Seattle business license. This license is required in addition to any other licenses required by the State of Washington, such as a contractors' license or state business license. For more information about City of Seattle business licenses, please contact inspector Michale Crooks at 206-684-8871, Michale.Crooks@seattle.gov, or visit the [Licensing and Tax Administration Division website](#).